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COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ROUND OF COMMUNITY MINI GRANTS

Proposals sought to help improve lives of children 0 through 5 and their families in Stanislaus County

(Modesto, CA) – The Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission is now accepting applications for Proposition 10 mini grants. The Commission is committing up to \$150,000 in funds through this request for proposal effort for such things as materials, supplies and equipment that support children 0 through 5 and their families.

Applicants may have an opportunity to receive one-time grants of up to \$10,000. The proposals must address at least one of the following strategic areas: health, safety, children develop in emotionally supportive environments, quality childcare, and school readiness.

The deadline to submit proposals is November 15th. To receive an application, contact the Commission at 558-6218. Applications are also available on the Commission website at www.ccfc.ca.gov/stanislaus Information workshops to learn more about the application process are scheduled in Modesto, Turlock, Patterson, and Oakdale. Please contact the Commission office for dates and times.

The Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission (SCCFC) was created after California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998. The measure added a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support early childhood programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 through 5. SCCFC administers Prop. 10 funds and receives around 6 million dollars per year from the tobacco tax.

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